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Amendment and Response to Non-Final Office Action

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed 2 December 2002 in the above-identified application, the shortened statutory period for response being until 2 March 2003. A request for a three month extension of time for response is included herewith to extend the period for response to 2 June 2003. Reconsideration is requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.

Amendment

Listing of Claims

Claim 1. (currently amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence that encodes a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence ~~homologous to even numbered sequences selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:2 to SEQ ID NO:94, SEQ ID NO:186, set forth in SEQ ID NO:86~~ and fragments thereof, ~~said nucleic acid molecule encoding at least a portion of nGPCR-x~~ encoding a polypeptide comprising an epitope specific to said polypeptide.

Claim 2. (cancelled)

Claim 3. (currently amended) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1 comprising a ~~sequence homologous to odd numbered sequences selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID~~